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MINUTES: SEVIER RIVER WATER USERS ASSOCIATION BUDGET MEETING JANUARY 29, ~~WATER~~ RIGHTS
10:00 a.m. Commissioners Room, County Court House, Richfield, Utah.

PRESENT: Members of the board: Pres. Clark J. Wall, V. P. Scott Smith,
James D. Perkins, Lee A. Goold, Homer U. Smith, Phill Nielson,
F. Dwight Malmgren, board member and Treas., and Wendell N.
Anderson, Secy.

Utah State Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Rights:
Donald C. Norseth, Arthur V. May, Stanley Adams, Gregory R. Noyes,
and River Commissioners Roger Walker, and Ray Owens.

Don C. Norseth gave statistical data of various water sheds in the State showing
great variations in amount of storage water and snow pack as of this date.

Mr. Norseth reported there is a bill before the legislature which would limit
board members of conservation districts to two terms in office.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

Minutes of Sevier River Water Users Association meeting held January 31, 1980
were read. Upon motion of Lee A. Goold, seconded by Homer U. Peterson, and passed
unanimously, the minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SEVIER RIVER DISTRICT SYSTEM - APPROVED.

Each person was given a copy of 1980 Financial Statement for Sevier River Distribu-
tion System, as prepared by Richard R. Pexton, Distribution Accountant. The report
showed total amount budgeted for the year was \$56,900.00 and the total amount
expended for the year was \$57,500.68. The small amount expended in excess of the
budget was reported approved by Pres. Clark J. Wall, as necessary disbursements.
Upon motion of Phill Nielson, seconded by Homer U. Smith, the report was unanimously
approved. At the suggestion of the board, Mr. Norseth said that he would send a
Financial Statement to each member of the board.

RESEARCH PROJECT REPORTED.

Arthur V. May reported his project to trace out and identify current water right
owners is a tedious and slow task, but good progress is being made. He reported
he has identified about 25 owners on Otter Creek. It is intended to include these
people on the assessment list and for this year any collections will be added to
the budget.

REPORTS OF RIVER COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Roger Walker reported there is space in the Sevier River Bridge
Reservoir for 14,000 ac. ft. of water. The reservoir is certain to fill this
season. He reported there has been, and in the near future will be, considerable
water dumped into Sevier Sinks. Mr. Walker said the Commissioners are prepared to
distribute such excess water to appropriate water users in this system, if it is
called for during the surplus period.

Commissioner Ray Owens reported there is space available in Otter Creek Reservoir to store 6,000 ac. ft. of water and for 12,000 ac.ft. to be stored in Piute Reservoir, and that it is certain both reservoirs will fill this season.

SUGGESTION THAT ECONOMY BE PRACTICED.

Director James D. Perkins made general comments suggesting this board not increase assessments, and that every possible effort be made to economize and hold down expense, in order to give taxpayers relief.

BUDGET RECOMMENDED FOR 1981.

After discussing the matter item by item, motion was made by F. Dwight Malmgren, seconded by Homer U. Peterson, and passed unanimously recommending to the Utah State Division of Water Rights approval of the 1981 budget for Sevier River Distribution System, as indicated below; also, that the 1981 Class I water users be assessed on the basis of acre feet of water listed as being delivered by the river commissioners during the year 1980 at a rate that will produce \$33,300, and Class II water users on a second foot basis weighted to the five group basis at such a rate that will produce the amount of \$3,000, with a minimum assessment of \$5.00 and that Central Utah Water Conservancy Dist. be assessed the amount of \$25,000.

RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR 1981

<u>Budget No.</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Amt. Approved.</u>
1	Commissioner's Salary (Upper Div.)	\$15,500
2	Commissioner's Salary (Lower Div.)	16,500
3	Gateemen's Salaries	3,700
4	Comm. & Dep. Comm. Soc. Security	2,100
5	Comm. & Dep. Comm. State Retire.	2,900
6	Bonds, Ins. & Health	2,000
7	Commissioner's Annual Report	700
8	Office Expense	100
9	Telephone Expense	700
10	Travel Expense	14,000
11	Miscellaneous Expense	100
12	Equipment and Supplies	2,500
13	Seasonal Help	500
14	Sevier River Water Users Assoc.	-0-
	Total	\$61,300

RIVER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDED.

After considering the matter, motion was made by F. Dwight Malmgren, seconded by Phill Nielson, and passed unanimously recommending the appointment of Ray Owens Sevier River Water Commissioner (Upper Division) for the 1981 season, and until a successor is elected and qualified at an annual salary of \$15,500; and recommending appointment of Roger Walker Sevier River Water Commissioner (Lower Division) for the 1981 season, and until a successor is elected and qualified, at an annual salary of \$16,500.

MEETING ADJOURNED.